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Mr. F. R. Collbohm, President
The Rand Corporation
1700 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Collbohm:

In the absence of Mr. McCone who is out of the city on a brief trip, I would like to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 5 January and for the enclosed copy of Civil Defense in the Soviet Union.

When Mr. McCone returns to his office, this will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the Director

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The Honorable John McCone, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of Civil Defense in the Soviet Union, by Leon Goure, the latest book in the RAND series.

In view of the current debate on the nature of the Soviet civil defense effort, we expect this book to provoke much interest and discussion, the more so as the author's earlier reports and testimony on the subject, which were widely quoted in government circles and in the mass media, have already associated him with the issue.

The present volume is based on an extensive study, undertaken as part of RAND's research program for the U. S. Air Force, which drew on classified as well as open sources and was made available to all interested government agencies. Prior to revising the work for open publication, Mr. Goure had the opportunity to spend several weeks in the Soviet Union, where personal observation yielded him additional evidence in support of his contention that the USSR is embarked on an energetic and expanding civil defense program.

I hope you will find the book interesting and informative.

Sincerely,



F. R. Collbohm